

In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes shown in accordance with the mandatory amendment format.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a completion packet at a receiving device, the completion packet including a completor identification; [[,]]

determining whether the completion packet received from the identified completor is expected by the receiving device; and

discarding the completion packet if the completion packet is not expected.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the completion packet is expected includes determining whether the completion packet corresponds to any outstanding requests previously issued by the receiving device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising reporting an error condition.

4. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a completion packet at a receiving device, the completion packet including a completion status and a completor identification; [[,]]

determining whether the completion packet includes a completion status other than successful; and

storing the completor identification in a first register if the completion status is other than successful.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further including indicating in a second register that an unsuccessful completion was received if the completion status is other than successful.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising reporting an error condition if the completion status is other than successful.
7. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
- servicing a request packet from a requesting device at a completor device, the request packet including a requestor identification and a tag;
- transmitting a completion packet with a completion status other than successful from the completor device to the requesting device if an error condition exists; ~~and~~
- storing the requestor identification at a location in the completor device if the error condition exists; and
- indicating in a register in the completor device that a completion packet with a completor status other than successful was transmitted if the error condition exists.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising storing the tag at a location in the completor device if the error condition exists.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising reporting the error condition if it exists.
11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the completion packet further comprises a completion status.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein determining whether the completion status is expected further comprises determining whether the completion status is set as an unexpected result.
13. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein a completion status other than successful may be at least one of an unsupported request, completor abort, malformed packet, and unexpected completion.
14. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein transmitting a completion packet further comprises returning no data with the completion packet for a read completion.
15. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein a completion status other than successful may be at least one of an unsupported request, completor abort, malformed packet, and unexpected completion.